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## FRENCH MAKE THREE-MILE GAIN NEAR PERONNE IN NIGHT ATTACK

### BORDER FORCE IS SPLIT INTO THREE ARMIES

Southern Department Reorganized Because of Addition of Militia Troops.

### MEXICO MOVE IS DENIED

Funston to Command One, Pershing Another, and J. Franklin Bell Another.

A general reorganization of the Southern department of the army, embracing the troop commands along the Mexican border, was announced by the War Department today.

Although officials of the department deny that the action portends any important developments in the Mexican policy, the announcement aroused widespread comment.

The present Southern department, now under the command of Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, has been split up into three sections. The new Southern department, over which General Funston will retain command, will extend from Brownsville to a line east of El Paso.

### PERSHING TO COMMAND.

From El Paso to the 10th meridian, which lies about thirty miles east of Douglas, Ariz., will be embraced in a new department to be known as the Department of New Mexico. It is to be established under command of Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing, with headquarters at El Paso.

Although it is declared at the War Department that there is no intention of bringing Pershing out of Mexico, it is believed that the commander of the American punitive expedition will be Department under command of Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, with headquarters at El Paso.

### 78 Fresh Cases Of Paralysis in N. Y.

Death Rate of 20 Per Cent Causes Health Bureau to Redouble Fight.

NEW YORK, July 3.—A death rate of 20 per cent from infantile paralysis today caused New York health bureau chiefs to redouble their efforts to stave off the present epidemic, now acknowledged to be the fastest growing one in New York's history.

### U. S. Has 21,000,000 Men of Military Age

There are 21,000,000 men in the United States between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, according to a special report today by the Bureau of Census, as to the nation's resources in men of military fitness.

### SPIES OF CARRANZA WORKING ON BORDER

Censorship on Militia Movements Declared to Be Due to Presence of Mexican Agents.

COLUMBUS, N. M., July 3.—Militia movements are taking place along the border today under the eyes of spies and secret service agents of the Carranza government, it is believed.

### MRS. HETTY GREEN DEAD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 3.—Mrs. Hetty Green, known as "the richest woman in the world," died at her home today.

### Anti-Mexico War Propaganda Is On

Thousands of Telegrams in Set Phraseology Come to President and Congress.

Demands on President Wilson and Congress to keep the United States out of war in Mexico are assuming the form and proportions of a propaganda. It was learned today that of the thousands of telegrams received at the White House and Capitol during the last few days, 100 or more contained what appeared to be a set phraseology.

### FINAL CONTRIBUTION FOR IPPOLITO GIVEN

Police of Eighth Precinct Send \$10.35 to The Times' Fund.

A final contribution to the fund raised by The Times for Crossing Policeman Frank T. Ippolito was received today. This brings the total up to \$1,024.65. The contribution today was from the members of the Eighth precinct, and amounted to \$10.35.

### APPEAL MADE FOR FUNDS FOR GUARD RELIEF

Citizens' Welfare Association Calls for Contributions to Aid Soldiers' Families.

### COMMITTEE IS ORGANIZED

Senate Employee First to Send Check to Head of Women's Association.

Contribute. This was the appeal sent forth today from the Citizens' Welfare Association, formed to aid the families of national guardsmen.

The committee met this afternoon at the New Willard Hotel to perfect an organization.

A meeting of the Woman's Relief Association of the District National Guard, which is co-operating with the central committee, was announced today for tomorrow afternoon, at the home of Mrs. William E. Harvey, president.

### FIRST CONTRIBUTION.

The first contribution to the general fund came in this morning. It was sent through Mrs. Archibald Hopkins to John Dolph, by W. B. Stewart, secretary of the Finance Committee of the United States Senate.

### CONTRIBUTION FROM KEITH'S

Just before the meeting was called to order, Mr. Dolph received a letter from Manager Robbins, of Keith's Theater, which follows:

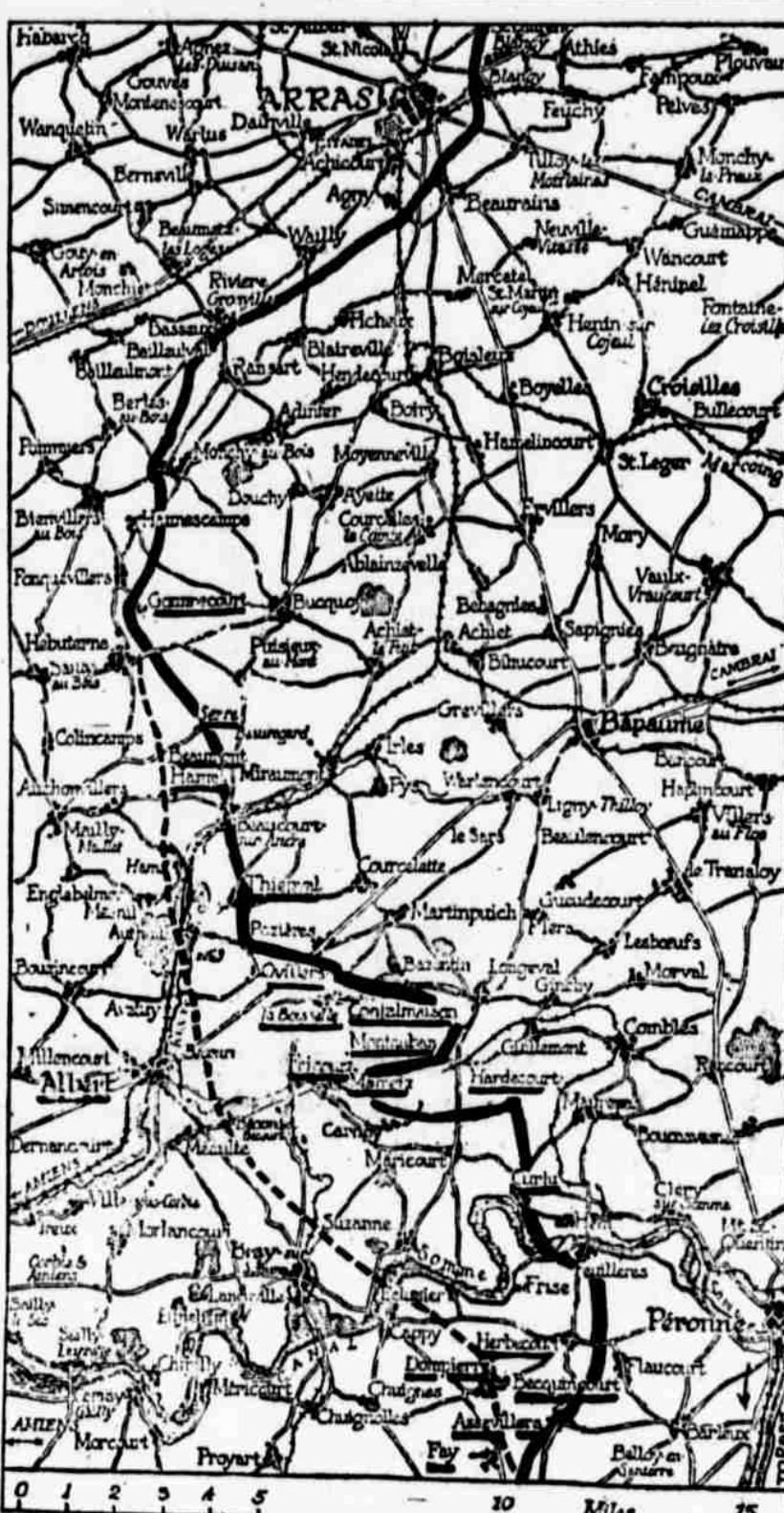
B. F. Keith's Theater, Washington, D. C., July 3, 1916. Mr. John Dolph, Temporary Chairman, Central Relief Committee, District Guardsmen's Families, Washington, D. C. Dear Mr. Dolph: Learning from the newspapers of the city that the Central Relief Committee for District Guardsmen's Families, of which you are temporary chairman, was ready to receive contributions, an appeal was made to our audience of last evening and with the co-operation of the artists on the bill, a collection taken.

### WILSONS STOP TO AID AUTOISTS IN TROUBLE

President Has Secret Service Men Help Women Adjust New Tire Near Alexandria.

ALEXANDRIA, July 3.—President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson motored through this city yesterday and down to Pohick Church. About 4 o'clock along that road the President saw a party of women of this city struggling to put another tire on their machine.

### WHERE BIG DRIVE IS ON



The heavy black line shows the present position of the on-rushing French and British armies. The dotted line indicates their position Saturday, before the great offensive was launched.

### BOTH PARTIES SOON TO BEGIN CAMPAIGN PRESIDENT IN HOME

Hughes to Make Coast-to-Coast Trip in August, Speaking in Larger Cities.

NEW YORK, July 3.—The real heavy work of politics is about to begin. Wednesday will see both Republican and Democratic campaign directors hard at work on the preliminary training stunts. A month from now will see the Republican candidate out for "road work," which means a campaign tour.

### ONE MARINE KILLED IN SANTO DOMINGO

One American marine was killed and three wounded in two fights with native revolutionists in Santo Domingo, according to reports by Rear Admiral Caperton to the Navy Department today.

### SECOND LINE PIERCED IN SOMME REGION, GERMANS NOW ADMIT

Berlin War Office Claims, However, Allied Offensive in Other Sectors Has Been Repulsed With Heavy Losses; Village of Herbecourt Captured.

BERLIN, July 3.—English and French attacks north of the Somme last night were without advantage, the enemy being repulsed with bloody losses, the war office announced this afternoon. South of the Somme the Germans withdrew from their second line under heavy French attacks.

PARIS, July 3.—In a brilliant night attack that threw the Germans back on a wide front, French troops last night captured the village of Herbecourt, advancing to within five miles of the heart of Peronne, one of the immediate objectives of the allied offensive.

The advance was made on a five-kilometer front (about three miles). The French swept forward from the Mireaucourt wood, near the river Somme, to a point west of the village of Assevillers.

The French alone have now advanced their positions on a front of ten miles, extending from the outskirts of Hardecourt, north of the Somme, to a point south of Estrees village.

French critics, while entertaining no high hopes of an immediate piercing of the German front, point out that the allied gains have been on a much larger front than marked the beginning of the crown prince's attack on Verdun.

The official statement indicated that of about 39,000 German troops, defending the sector of the front near Peronne, nearly 31,000, forming thirty-one battalions, suffered terrible losses, and were badly disorganized.

### FRENCH MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS.

South of Assevillers the French made further progress, spreading their advance on the south bank of the Somme to the village of Estrees, seven and one-half miles southwest of Peronne.

"The combats south of the Somme were entirely favorable to the French," the war office stated today. "During Sunday eve and Sunday night the French entirely occupied on a five-kilometer front the two second position German trenches between Mireaucourt wood and up to Assevillers."

"Between these two points, during the course of a brilliant encounter, the French carried Herbecourt village. Toward Awe, in the region of Dancourt, the Desloges wood was cleaned of the enemy by French grenade reconnaissances."

"North of the Somme there were no German attacks during the night on our newly gained positions."

A semi-official note says: "The first day of the offensive is considered to have been fully satisfactory."

"It is especially important because it is rich in promise that the effort now is not a doubtful attempt to pierce the line, but rather a long, continued drive which will be methodical and which will economize life."

"It will be exercised from line to line until the day when the enemy resistance, continually hammered, will break at some point."

### BRITISH PUSH ON PAST FRICOURT.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, July 3.—Pressing on east of Albert, British troops have occupied a higher position near the strongly fortified position of Fricourt, which was taken from the Germans yesterday afternoon.

The number of prisoners now totals 4,000.

North of the Ancre valley the situation is unchanged. On the remainder of the front the situation is described by returning officers as "promising."

The most violent fighting was going on this morning at La Boisselle, east of Albert, which was captured by the British on Saturday.

The Germans are bombarding Montauban, another village taken by the British in the Saturday advance. British guns were cannonading German positions at Thiepval early today.